



Town of Groton, Connecticut

Meeting Agenda

45 Fort Hill Road
Groton, CT 06340-4394
Town Clerk 860-441-6640
Town Manager 860-441-6630

RTM Public Works Committee

Chairman Michael Collins, Representatives Joe Baril, Syma Ebbin, Patrice Granatosky, Dee Harrell, Keith Hedrick, Dana Parfitt, Joan Steinfeld and Robert Warn

Wednesday, November 03, 2010

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex-Comm Rm 3

Special Meeting

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**
4. **NEW BUSINESS**

2010-0217 Supplemental Appropriation for River Road Construction

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION FOR RIVER ROAD REPAIRS

WHEREAS, approximately 150 linear feet of River Road was damaged by flooding in March 2010, closing the road to through traffic, and

WHEREAS, current estimates are \$30,000 to purchase materials that would allow the road to be opened to alternating one-way traffic and \$195,000 to make permanent repairs to the road, and

WHEREAS, funds are not available in the current operating budget to repair the damaged portion of River Road, and

WHEREAS, there are completed capital projects that can be closed out with their remaining funds returned to the Capital Reserve Fund Balance, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that a supplemental appropriation of \$225,000 be appropriated from the Capital Reserve Fund Balance as a FYE 2011 road project for River Road repairs.

Refer to RTM, Rule 6.5.3.

Legislative History

10/7/2010	Mayor	Referred	Town Council Committee of the W
10/12/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Discussed	

Gary Schneider, Director of Public Works, noted a public information meeting was held last Wednesday on River Road repairs. This request is for a supplemental appropriation to purchase equipment for a temporary solution (one-way alternating traffic) and to fund permanent repairs. Staff looked at renting the required concrete barriers, but it is more cost effective to purchase them. Mr. Schneider noted that no major changes to the road are anticipated as a result of the permanent repairs. At the public information meeting, neighbors expressed a concern with installation of a guard rail system. Staff is looking at design and legal liability issues. A wetlands permit will be required to remove materials downstream. Mr. Schneider reviewed other design details and neighbors' comments. The supplemental appropriation must be approved by the RTM and because this is a scenic road, The Town Council must hold a public hearing on the improvements. Construction is expected to begin in late winter/early spring and be completed by August.

Councilor Johnson asked about reimbursement from FEMA. Mr. Schneider noted that permit requirements

may drive betterments beyond what FEMA will pay for. Councilor O'Beirne noted this repair/replacement is not going to solve the flooding problems in Old Mystic.

The Town Manager explained that in order to move ahead and get the temporary solution in place before winter, Public Works will expend the \$30,000 from its operating budget. If the supplemental appropriation is approved, Public Works' account will be reimbursed. Councilor O'Beirne suggested asking the RTM for an expedited process.

The Town Manager explained that supplemental funds will come from the Capital Reserve Fund after capital projects are closed out.

10/12/2010	Town Council Committee of the Whole	Recommended for a Resolution	
10/19/2010	Town Council	Deleted from Referral List - Action to be taken	
10/19/2010	Town Council	Adopted and referred under Rule 6.5.3	Representative Town Meeting

Councilor O'Beirne requested that this item be expedited.

The Town Manager stated that the RTM received all the background information for this project at its last meeting, and the Town Clerk noted that by referring this item under RTM Rule 6.5.3, it will be expedited. This rule allows the RTM to act on an item at its next regular meeting.

Councilor Johnson stated that, in his opinion, FEMA should be reimbursing 75% of this item.

10/20/2010	Representative Town Meeting	Referred under Rule 6.5.3	RTM Public Works Committee
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5. Consideration of Committee Referral Items as per Referral List

6. ADJOURNMENT

For the committee to meet, we need a quorum. Please let the clerk's office (441-6643) know ASAP if you will not be able to attend this meeting.